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Identical letters dated 25 January 2003 from the Permanent Representative of Iraq to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General and to the President of the Security Council

On instructions from my Government, I wish to transmit to you herewith the daily report on the activities carried out by the inspection teams of the United Nations Monitoring, Verification and Inspection Commission (UNMOVIC) and the International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA) in Iraq on 25 January 2003.

I should be grateful if you would have the present letter and its annex circulated as a document of the Security Council.

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Activities of the IAEA and UNMOVIC inspection teams in Iraq

Inspection activities carried out on Saturday, 25 January 2003

I. Interviews

1. The IAEA inspection team asked to have a private interview with one of the Iraqi specialists who is currently working at the Rimah plant in Mosul. An UNMOVIC helicopter took off at 8.30 a.m., arriving at 10.40 a.m. at the Rimah plant in Mosul to conduct the interview. The team asked to have a private interview with the said specialist, but the latter asked for the interview to be conducted in the presence of a representative of the Iraqi side who would be a witness to what he said. The interview took place in the presence of a representative of the National Surveillance Department and lasted two hours and forty minutes during which the specialist answered all the questions put to him.

2. The UNMOVIC inspection team asked for a private interview with two Iraqi specialists and the Iraqi side notified the specialists of the time of the interview. The two individuals attended at the time and place requested. The Iraqi side encouraged the two specialists to be interviewed privately but after meeting the inspectors they asked for a witness to represent the Iraqi side. There was a discussion between the inspectors and the prospective interviewees about conducting the interview privately and the inspectors tried to persuade them to change their minds. The debate and discussion continued for about an hour and a half but the two insisted on the presence of a witness in order to safeguard their rights. This was a personal decision by the prospective interviewees. After that, the inspectors gave up the idea of holding the interview.

II. UNMOVIC joint inspection team in Mosul

A team of 10 inspectors left the Ninawa Palace Hotel at 8 a.m. and arrived at the North Oil Company in Kirkuk. On arrival, the team inspected the central stores of the company as well as the buildings and precincts forming part of the storage facilities, including vehicles loaded with equipment and supplies that were in the courtyard of the facilities. The team also scrutinized the company's notices. After the inspection, which lasted about four hours, the team returned to the Ninawa Palace Hotel in Mosul.

III. UNMOVIC inspection team (biological)

A team of 15 inspectors left the Canal Hotel in Baghdad at 8 a.m. and arrived at Qadisiyah University in Diwaniyah (Qadisiyah governorate). The team split into two groups, the first of which went to the Faculty of Education and interviewed the Dean of the Faculty, asking him about the departments of the faculty, the number of

staff members, the higher education students and the number of staff specializing in microbiology.

The other group went to the Veterinary Medicine Faculty and interviewed the Dean of the Faculty, asking him about the departments of the faculty, the number of staff members, the number of students and the number of faculties of veterinary medicine in Iraq and whether the faculty had stock-raising stations or fields, and about the cooperation between the faculty and veterinary clinics. After that the team returned to the Canal Hotel in Baghdad.

IV. UNMOVIC joint inspection team

A team of seven inspectors left the Canal Hotel in Baghdad at 9 a.m. and arrived at one of the ground-to-ground missile units in the Taji area, 40 kilometres north of Baghdad. The team questioned the specialists about the site and its productivity, then made a full inspection of the facilities of the site, after which it returned to the Canal Hotel in Baghdad.

V. UNMOVIC inspection team (missiles)

A team of six inspectors left the Canal Hotel in Baghdad at 2.30 p.m. and arrived at the Maamoun Factory belonging to the Rashid State Company, a subsidiary of the Military Industrialization Corporation, 50 kilometres south of Baghdad. The team interviewed the specialists, asking them where casting moulds were manufactured and about certain equipment that had earlier been destroyed by the former United Nations Special Commission (UNSCOM). After that the team returned to the Canal Hotel in Baghdad.

VI. UNMOVIC inspection team (chemical)

A team of 14 inspectors left the Canal Hotel in Baghdad at 8.40 a.m. and arrived at the Qa'qa' State Company, a subsidiary of the Military Industrialization Corporation, 50 km south of Baghdad. The group inspected the facilities of the company, took samples and used mineralogical assay equipment. It also used air sampling equipment and took photographs of a large number of buildings. The group's work took about eight hours after which the group returned to the Canal Hotel in Baghdad.

VII. IAEA inspection team

1. The first group of five inspectors left the Canal Hotel in Baghdad at 8.40 a.m. and arrived at Tikrit University. The group interviewed the President of the University and asked about the number of faculties, the names of the deans of the faculties, the number of holders of higher-education diplomas and the laboratories in the University. The group then inspected the Engineering Faculty and the Education Faculty, asking about the equipment present. The group's work took about two hours and forty-five minutes after which it went to the city of Mosul and arrived at the Ninawa Palace Hotel.

2. The second group of three inspectors left the Canal Hotel in Baghdad at 9.15 a.m. and made a radiological survey using portable equipment of a number of areas around the city of Baghdad in the area of the Ubaydi and Khan Bani Saad district with a view to discovering any alleged radioactivity. The group's work took about four and a half hours, after which it returned to the Canal Hotel in Baghdad.